

# April 4

Romans 10:1-3

“Zealously Ignorant”



**<sup>1</sup> Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.**

**<sup>2</sup> For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.**

**<sup>3</sup> For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.**

## **Question:**

What happens when people who profess to know, love, and belong to God are “ignorant of God’s righteousness”?

## **Answer:**

They refuse to submit to God’s righteousness and, instead, they chase

after their own  
righteousness.

Even well-meaning  
people who think  
they are following  
God, can have such  
zeal—an excitement,  
an enthusiasm, a  
bona fide passion for  
God, but (based on  
this passage) could  
have all of that fire

and desire under  
the heading,  
“but **not** according to  
**knowledge**”.

In other words, one  
can be majorly eager  
and still be in major  
error. One could  
seem to be “all IN”,  
but actually be all in  
opposition to the  
submission of God’s

very righteousness.

People do it all the time. They get error then they go wrong.

They seek and sometimes even create their own man-made “righteousness”. It’s totally the stuff by which cults are created and

maintained. It is  
the foundation of  
pro-self, anti-Christ,  
rebellion in thinking  
and behavior.

It's as wrong as a  
polar bear on a  
Florida beach in the  
middle of July.

One who has an  
eagerness for things  
of God but without

the knowledge of God  
is in a dangerous  
position.

Paul was saying:  
I'm not just saying  
something I've heard  
somewhere or  
something I think  
could happen; I've  
seen it for myself. I've  
actually witnessed  
people who have a



real zeal for God, but  
they want it their  
way— not God's way!

They want their own  
righteousness—  
perhaps something  
that makes them feel  
pious or a brand of  
“*righteous*” that  
doesn't keep them too  
busy or demand too  
much sacrifice.

Far too many just  
don't know God. They  
don't understand  
God's righteousness  
and are content  
bouncing around  
dancing, jabbering  
nonsense, falling on  
floors and squirming,  
barking, heading  
shows and drives,  
serving on boards  
and committees,

while all along,  
not having the  
knowledge of God.  
It's done for people's  
approval.

Sadly, many are  
ignorant and  
zealously so. Some  
are beyond thrilled  
with their ignorance  
and wouldn't be  
corrected by the

wisest Believer,  
or by the most  
biblical scholar,  
or by the most  
righteous Saint,  
or even by the  
very Scriptures.

It's okay to be  
zealous, but it's  
probably not ideal  
to be zealously  
ignorant.